

CHRISTMAS DINNER IN 1864.

Southern Hospitality Near Richmond in Times of Adversity.

A writer in a recent issue of the Baltimore American furnishes this interesting account of dinner given in a Virginia home on Christmas day in 1864. Doubtless some of The Record's readers will recall the fancy prices which prevailed at that time as well as the great scarcity of food supplies not only in Virginia but all over the South where Confederate money was the legal tender of the times:

"Christmas day, 1864, was the Confederate Christmas par excellence. Outside supplies of all kinds had disappeared, and whatever comforts were provided were of home manufacture. The Confederate dollar was now worth just two cents in gold, and flour was \$500 a barrel; sugar was thirty dollars a pound; salt, one dollar; butter, forty dollars; and beef, twenty-four dollars to forty dollars a pound. Wood at \$100 a cord and coal was not to be had, save in a few of the cities, owing to scarcity of transportation. The day was Sunday, which in itself, would have tempered the usual merriment. At a country residence below Richmond, and not far from the lines of the contending armies, a party of seven—ladies and gentlemen all in the strictest Southern sense of the term—were assembled at dinner. The mansion had been proverbial for its hospitality before the war; now the welcome was as cordial as ever, but the board was spread in accordance with the necessities of the time. At the head of the table was placed a large ham, worth \$300; at the foot was the last turkey the farm could boast, worth \$175. The vegetables consisted of cabbage, potatoes and hominy, worth at a reasonable calculation, \$100. Corn bread was served, flour having been unknown in this house for months. The meal of which it was made was worth eighty dollars a bushel and the salt that seasoned it ten dollars a pound. Dessert, there was none, but in its place the hostess provided a coarse black molasses, worth sixty dollars a gallon. The same kind lady, as a rare treat for her guests, brought out with a glow of pride, a steaming urn of real—not sassafras—tea, \$100 a pound, at the same time warning the company that they must expect but one cup a piece, as this was the last of her store. After this there was "coffee" made from sweet potatoes cut into little bits, toasted brown and ground to powder. Such was a Confederate Christmas dinner in the last winter of the war. From superb repast the scale descended to army rations—a bit of salt pork, corn bread and sweet potato coffee without sugar. The company consisted of three ladies and four gentlemen. The ladies' toilets the writer cannot venture to describe, but they were largely made up of "home made" articles in the fashion prevailing at the commencement of the war. The tresses of one were fastened with "Confederate hair pins," made of long black thorns with the heads tipped with sealing wax and the dress was of simple homespun."

DEM. NATIONAL CONVENTION

Called by McCombs to Meet at St Louis on June 14, 1916.

At New York last Saturday, William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National committee, issued a formal call for the Democratic National Convention in St Louis, June 14, 1916.

The statement calls attention to the plank in the party platform directing that in each State where it is not provided by law "all expressions of preference for Presidential candidate shall be given and the selection of delegates and alternates made through primary elections conducted by the party organizations in each State."

Two delegates and two alternates for every Senator, and two alternates for every Representative in Congress from each State, based on the Congressional apportionment of the 64th Congress, and six delegates and six alternates each from the District of Columbia, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines are to be chosen.

Johnson-LeGette.

Rome, December 14:—One of the prettiest weddings of the season was that of Miss Ethel Johnson to Mr Spenser LeGette. The ceremony was performed at high noon at the lovely rural home of the bride's parents, Dr and Mrs L B Johnson, Rev P A Murray officiating.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs L E Creel and Miss Alice Chandler. Then, Misses Georgie Stackley and Marie Jackson ushered them to the east parlor where the ceremony was solemnized. Garlands of holly made this room a scene of loveliness. One of the corners was banked with holly over which was draped red festoons. In front of this was suspended a shower of poinsettia under which the couple was married. Green and red candles cast a soft glow over the scene.

Miss Laura Rhem, accompanied by Miss Emma Moss on the piano, sang very sweetly, "Because," and "At Dawning." The Tannhouser wedding march announced the approach of the bridal party. The bride's brother, little Allen Huggins Johnson, entered from the left door bearing the ring in a poinsettia. He was followed by the maid of honor, Miss Annie LeGette, a sister of the groom. She wore a green cloth suit and a black picture hat. The groom with his best man, Eugene Yates, appeared at the hall door. The bride came from a rear room leaning on the arm of her father. She was becomingly attired in a handsome green cloth suit and wore a lovely black picture hat. The bride's bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley only increased her beauty and youthful appearance.

Professor and Mrs O M Mitchell presented the guests to the receiving line which consisted of the bridal party. Misses Emmie Snow and Laura Yates and Mr Lamar Johnson received them in the west parlor, where the numerous and beautiful gifts were displayed. The gifts consisted of many handsome pieces of cut glass, china, silver and other useful articles.

Mesdames Willie F Turbeville, Bethel Durant, J Allen Huggins and Beauregard Eaddy served a delightful salad course. Coffee was poured by Mrs W J Bryant. After dinner mints were passed by Misses Alberta Flowers and Louise Snow.

Miss Laura Rhem presided in the dining room where the color scheme was carried out by a decoration of bells and festoons. Around the table guests waited anxiously their turn to cut the bride's cake.

The happy couple left immediately for Virginia, where the groom will resume his duties.

The bride is the only daughter of Dr and Mrs L B Johnson. She is an accomplished and very attractive young lady and much admired by all. The groom is well known in this county, where he has many friends both in the business and social world. The good wishes of the community go with this couple to their new home in old Virginia.

The guests from a distance were: The grandfather of the bride, Mr James T Kellahan, Mr and Mrs Richard K Wallace and Lamar Johnson of Kingstree; Mr and Mrs B B Johnson of Leo; Olin and Jeddy Johnson of Bethune; Miss Annie LeGette and Victor Stanley of Centenary; Mrs Wills of Kansas City; Eugene Yates of Winnsboro; Mrs J Allen Huggins of Florence; Mr Lawrence E Creel of Poston; Mrs Robert Gamble and daughter, Miss Eva Grmble of Indiantown; Dr O S Bruerton of Good Hope. M J.

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